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**Catastrophe and Social Change,  
Based Upon a Sociological Study of the Halifax Disaster  
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The Halifax Disaster in 1917 was the greatest man-made explosion prior to the atomic bomb.

"The following pages [are] the result of an observational study of the social phenomena attendant upon one of the greatest catastrophes in history—the Halifax Disaster.

"[This book is not] a history of the disaster. It is rather, as the title suggests, an intensive study of two social orders, between which stands a great catastrophe, and its thesis is the place of catastrophe in social change.

"[The author believes this] to be the first attempt to present a purely scientific and sociological treatment of any great disaster."

- Summary by TriciaG and the Preface

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